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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : DD/P Action on Recommendations by the IG
on His Inspection of the Technical Services Staff

REFERENCE : DD/P Memorandum to the Director dated
5 February 1958 (ER 10-229, DD/P 3-7493)

1. I have reviewed both the original recommendation by the Inspector General and the attached proposed action with respect to the TSS Advisory Committee and the DD/P Materiel Board.
2. I strongly support the action proposed in paragraph 4 of the attachment, that is, the abolition of the Materiel Board and its replacement with something called a Technical Requirements Board. This concurrence is based on my understanding of the proposed actual composition and method of operation of the new Board. If I am correctly informed, it will include the division chiefs and the Chief, Inspection & Review Staff, and will have the Chief of Operations, DD/P as its chairman. I understand, too, that the new Board is to work informally and flexibly and that the Materiel Board's rather large apparatus of a secretariat and working panels will be dissolved and will not be replaced or recreated. It would appear from my investigations to be the unanimous view that this will be an important change for the better.
3. With respect to the Advisory Committee, I am inclined to agree more with the IG's original recommendation that it be abolished than with the DD/P's present recommendation that it be retained. Necessarily, my opinion is based on an inadequate understanding of its purpose and method of operation. From what I have been able to learn, however, I

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judge that some of the business hitherto done by the Advisory Committee can be handled rather differently through my own office and that some of the more valuable discussions that have been held in that Committee might well take place in the new Technical Requirements Board. I recommend, therefore, that you concur with the DD/P's plan to leave the Advisory Committee in existence with the understanding that it will probably remain fairly inactive for the present and that at some later date we will review the actual contributions this body can make. If it is decided on that occasion to retain the Advisory Committee, I would urge that its composition be re-examined.

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